

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78647

Andre APRIOU, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/725,003

Group Art Unit: 1762

Confirmation No.: 3151

Examiner: Bret P. CHEN

Filed: December 2, 2003

For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PLASMA BUILDUP OF AN OPTICAL FIBER
PREFORM, WHILE REDUCING NITROGEN OXIDES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2007, in which the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for response by one month, making a reply due on or before July 13, 2007.

In the Action, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following:

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to a method, classified in class 427, subclass 569; or
- II. Claims 14-20, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 118, subclass 723R.

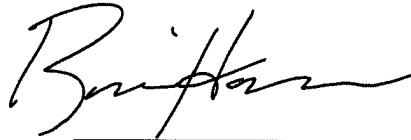
Applicant hereby elects Group I, drawn to claims 1-13, without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that a complete examination on the merits is now in order. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a personal or telephone interview would be helpful, she is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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